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Small things make the biggest difference

A message from Emily Beanland, State FFA President

Have you ever had the feeling you forgot something? Pulling out of the driveway, you get this funny feeling deep inside your stomach that something is missing. So, instantly you go through a list in your head and begin checking things off. Finally you realize what you've left. Most of the time it is something insignificant that you probably won't even need. But, oh no, you pull back in the drive to retrieve the forgotten item.

It was my senior year. We loaded up in the Ag truck and departed for the southwest district American Farmers and Ranchers speech contest. I got that feeling! I went through a list in my head making sure I had all of my speech information and my official dress. Then it hit me – I didn't have my FFA scarf!

I'm sure I could have borrowed someone else's, but this scarf meant something special to me. It was the one I had been wearing since my eighth-grade year. My FFA advisor knew it was important to me, so he turned the truck around and headed back. When I retrieved it, I finally felt complete.

Sometimes the smallest things really do make the biggest difference in how someone feels. Throughout my life I have learned that life lesson. Simply saying the words "hello" or "thank you" to someone can make a huge impact – especially if they are having a rough day. If your day is not going well and someone stops to say "hello" and sparks a conversation, it instantly gets your mind off whatever is bothering you, and your day takes a turn for the better.

To me, FFA members are the cream of the crop when it comes to lending a helping hand or providing an encouraging word for another. To hear the words "thank you" in return makes you feel good inside. You know your extra effort paid off.

FFA members, I hope you realize the importance of kind words and small acts of kindness. You never know when you are making someone's day.

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Emily's Favs

Alumni Leadership Camp

FFA activity

Lucca store

Pink color

Jones' Green Apple Soda

drink

Basketball sport

Sweet Home Alabama

song

Horse animal

The Beach vacation

Remember the Titans movie

Oklahoma FFA Association 85th State Convention

HIGHLIGHTS SCHEDULE



Sunday, May 1, 2011

- 1:00 p.m. Oklahoma Chorus Leaders (Cox, Rooms 14-15)
- 2:30 p.m. Chorus Members First Practice Session (Cox, Rooms 14-15)
- 6:00 p.m. Chorus Kick-Off Dinner (Cox, Rooms 16-18)

Monday, May 2, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Career Show Exhibitors Move In until 5 p.m. (Cox Exhibit Hall C, 2 & 3)
- 6:00 p.m. State Officer, Parent & Staff Dinner (Cox, Room 9)
- 7:00 p.m. FFA Night at Bricktown Ballpark
 - OKC RedHawks vs. Nashville Sounds
 - \$8 Reserved Seating Tickets Available

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Breakfast (Cox, Room 8)
- 8:00 a.m. Career Show Exhibitors Move In (Cox, Exhibit Hall C, 2 & 3)
Agriscience Fair Division Winners Setup (Cox, Exhibit Hall C, 2 & 3)
Chapter Registration Begins (Cox, North Entrance)
- 8:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Orientation (Cox, Room 5)
Courtesy Corps Orientation #1 (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
- 9:00 a.m. Courtesy Corps Orientation #2 (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
- 9:50 a.m. **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**
Kick-Off Speaker – Dave Dravecky
WLC Scholarship Presentations
Vision of Blue, Heart of Gold – Andrew McCrea and Special Guests
Introduction of 2011-12 State Officer Candidates
Official Delegate Business Session
 - Roll Call of Chapters (two delegates per chapter)
 - Primary Elections for President, Secretary, and Reporter
- 10:00 a.m. Career Show and Food Court open until 6 p.m. (Cox, Exhibit Hall C)
Alumni Silent Auction Open for Bids (Cox, Exhibit Hall C)
Foundation Annual Meeting (Cox, Room 4)
- 11:15 a.m. Career Success Workshop – *Taking Really Great Photos* (Cox, Room 5)
- 11:15 a.m. Personal Growth Workshop – *Next Level* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
- 12:00 noon Foundation Luncheon (Cox, Great Hall C)
- 12:30 p.m. Prepared Public Speaking Championship (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
 - 12:15 p.m.- Contestant Holding Room (Cox, Room 4)
- 1:20 p.m. **SECOND CONVENTION SESSION**
Greetings from Out-of-State Officers
State Officer Parent Recognition
Ag-Ed Teacher Recognition
Future Ag-Ed Teacher Academy Recipients
Oklahoma Youth Expo Academic All-State Scholarship Recipients
Tulsa State Fair Scholarship Recipients
National Chapter Award Recognition
Foundation Presentations – Chapter Trust Contributors
Ag-Ed Career Passports
Announce Run-Off Elections for President, Secretary and Reporter
- 1:45 p.m. Leadership Workshop – *I Don't Know Yet!* (Cox, Room 5)



- 2:45 p.m. Leadership Workshop – *College Prep – Your Infinite Step* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
 OAETA Board Meeting – (Cox, Room 4)
 4:00 p.m. Career Success Workshop – *Judging Livestock in College* (Cox, Room 5)
 4:15 p.m. CDE Workshop – *Parliamentary Procedure* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
 5:00 p.m. Honorary, VIP, and Star Banquet (Cox, Great Hall C)

6:30 p.m. THIRD CONVENTION SESSION

VIP Award Presentation

State President's Retiring Address – Emily Beanland

Public Speaking Division Winner Scholarships

Honorary State FFA Degree

State Star Selections

- 10:00 p.m. Convention Concert (Cox Arena)
 • Casey Donahew Band
 • \$10 Tickets pre-sold or available at the Registration Desk

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Career Development Event Awards Breakfast (Cox, Great Hall C)

8:20 a.m. FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION

National Officer Address – Riley Pagett, National FFA President

Harvest for America Recognition

FFA Creed Presentation – Top 5 State Finalists

State Interscholastic and National CDE Recognition

Official Delegate Business Session

- Roll Call of Chapters
- Final Elections for President, Secretary, and Reporter (if necessary)

- 9:00 a.m. Career Show and Food Court open until 4 p.m. (Cox, Exhibit Hall C)
 Alumni Silent Auction Open for Bids (Cox, Exhibit Hall C)
 Hospitality Suite for FFA Advisors open until 3 p.m. (Great Hall A)
 Southeast District Officer Elections (Cox, Rooms 4-5)

- 9:30 a.m. Career Workshop – *Planning Your College and Career Success* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)

- 10:00 a.m. Central District Officer Elections (Cox, Rooms 4-5)
 11:00 a.m. Southwest District Officer Elections (Cox, Rooms 4-5)
 Leadership Workshop – *A Servant's Heart* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)

- 11:45 a.m. Award Winners and Sponsors Luncheon (Cox, Great Hall C)

- 1:00 p.m. Northeast District Officer Elections (Cox, Rooms 4-5)

1:20 p.m. FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION

Remarks, Jack Staats, State FFA Advisor

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Proficiency and Special Award Presentations

- 1:30 p.m. Alumni Silent Auction Bids Begin Closing (Cox, Exhibit Hall C)
 Chorus to the State Capitol
 2:00 p.m. Northwest District Officer Elections (Cox, Rooms 4-5)
 Leadership Workshop – *Games Leaders Play* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
 3:30 p.m. Leadership Workshop – *Sunny Side Up* (Cox, Great Hall D & E)
 5:00 p.m. Legislative & VIP Banquet (Cox, Great Hall C)
 5:00 p.m. State FFA Degree Banquet – For Recipients Only (Cox, Exhibit Hall A & 1)

6:00 p.m. TALENT SHOW

6:30 p.m. FINAL CONVENTION SESSION

Drawing for New Ford Truck

Chorus Concert

Keynote Address – Josh Sundquist

State FFA Degree Ceremony

Presentation of 2011-2012 State FFA Officers



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dave Dravecky

The Pitch That Could Be Heard Round the World

"My arm caught the attention of the entire school, when, as a teenager, I pitched my first no hitter. Later, as a major league baseball pitcher, a "southpaw" for the San Francisco Giants, my ability to provide for my family was not based on how

smart I was or how hard I worked. It was based solely on what my arm could do on game day. When people talked with me, it was the center of conversation. 'How's the arm today, Dave? Is your arm ready for tonight?' My arm was to me what hands are to a concert pianist, what feet are to a marathon runner. It's what made me valuable, what gave me worth in the eyes of the world. Then suddenly my arm was gone."



Josh Sundquist

Just Don't Fall

Josh's journey began at age nine when he was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer and given a fifty percent chance to live. He spent a year on chemotherapy treatments and his left leg was amputated. Doctors declared Josh cured of the disease at age 13 and

he took up ski racing three years later. He trained for the next six years and in 2006 was named to the U.S. Paralympic Ski Team for the 2006 Paralympics in Turino, Italy. His high-octane blend of energy and humor will inspire and give you courage, determination and hope.



FFA Night

at Bricktown Ballpark

Featuring: OKC RedHawks
vs. Nashville Sounds

Date: Monday, May 2 **Where:** OKC Bricktown Ballpark
Start Time: 7:05 p.m. **Ticket Price:** \$8 Reserved Seating

To purchase "FFA Night" tickets, contact:
Jenna Byrnes at 405-218-1000 x204
jenna.byrnes@okcredhawks.com



Alumni Silent Auction

Bids Open: Tuesday, May 3
Bids Begin Closing:
May 4, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Cox Exhibit Hall

To donate an item, please contact:
Amy Peel at amy.peel@okstate.edu

Proceeds support the Future Ag-Ed Teacher Academy and Scholarship Program!

Concert

Featuring:
Casey Donahew Band

Date: Tuesday, May 3
Showtime: 10:00 p.m.
Where: Cox Convention Center Arena
Ticket Price: \$10 General Admission



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WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, May 3



Taking Really Great Photos

Presenter – Dr. Dwayne Cartmell
11:15 a.m., Room 5

Dr. Cartmell teaches a photography class. He will share with you how to take great photos for proficiency and other award applications.



Next Level

Presenter – Craig Lemley
11:15 a.m., Great Hall D & E

Formally of the Power Team, Craig will use feats of strength to encourage you to become a champion that will never quit!



I Don't Know Yet!

Presenter – Marshall Baker
1:45 p.m., Room 5

What do you plan to do after high school? Don't know? Don't stress! It's okay not to know yet. Let's work on a plan together.



College Prep – Your Infinite Step

Presenters – Amy Peel & Josh Goff
2:45 p.m., Great Hall D & E

NOW is the time to start thinking about that big step into college: where you will go, what you will be involved in, and challenges you will face.



Judging Livestock in College

Presenter – Chelsea Clifton
4:00 p.m., Room 5

This former state president knows a little something about judging in high school and in college. She will share the "inside scoop."



Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Presenters – 2011 State Winning Teams
4:15 p.m., Great Hall D & E

The state winning Jr. and Sr. teams will demonstrate their skills and will share with you when and how they trained for success.

Win a Free \$150 OKFFA Gear Gift Card!



That's right. A \$150 gift card will be given away at each of the workshops listed below. All you have to do is attend and be sitting in the winning seat! You can then purchase your choice of OKFFAGear apparel at the Career Show, on-line, or at the store.

Wednesday, May 4



Planning Your College and Career Success

Presenter – Robyn Rudisill
9:30 a.m., Great Hall D & E

Future Focus: You desire an exciting and successful college experience that leads to a fulfilling and worthwhile career. Here's how.



A Servant's Heart

Presenter – Riley Pagett
11:00 a.m., Great Hall D & E

Riley ran for state president and national office and was defeated twice in one year. What keeps YOU going when failure strikes you down?



Games Leaders Play

Presenter – Patrick George
2:00 p.m., Great Hall D & E

This fun and interactive workshop will teach activities that will get a group moving and ready to meet the challenge of leadership.



Sunny Side Up

Presenters – Mason Parish and Daylon Koster, Texas FFA Officers
3:30 p.m., Great Hall D & E

Everything we do from sunrise to sunset is affected by the same thing—Attitude. Discover how to utilize "Attitude" to your advantage!

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**Oklahoma FFA Association
85th State FFA Convention
FFA Night at RedHawks Ballpark
Monday, May 2nd @ 7:05p.m.**



OKC RedHawks vs. Nashville Sounds
Tickets are just \$8 and include

- Your ticket with your school group
- Free RedHawks baseball cap
- PlayBall! game program



- Great chapter activity the night before our convention kicks off!
- Chapters with the most ticket sales will be eligible for fun activities on the field!
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DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2011

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School Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Number of Tickets _____ @ \$8 each.	Total Order _____
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The Oklahoma FFA Foundation presents the 85th State FFA Convention Concert featuring

CASEY DONAHEW BAND

≈ Tuesday, May 3
 ≈ 10:00 p.m.
 ≈ Cox Convention Center Arena
 ≈ All Tickets \$10
 ≈ General Admission Seating



Discounted ticket prices are made possible by these concert sponsors:



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General admission tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10. Make checks payable to the Oklahoma FFA Foundation and mail to Kendall Brashears, FFA Foundation Executive Director, 3909 Hickory Stick, Chickasha, OK, 73018. These tickets will be available for pick up at the State FFA Convention registration booth.

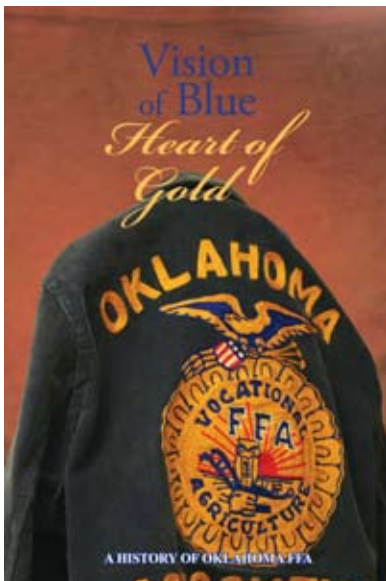
Each local chapter advisor will receive one free advisor's ticket (non-transferable) with the purchase of general admission tickets. Multi-teacher programs will receive one free advisor's ticket per teacher.

The \$10 general admission tickets may also be purchased with cash or check on site at the State FFA Convention registration booth on Tuesday.

The top two FFA chapters contributing the most funds to their FFA Foundation Chapter Trust this school year will each receive half of the front row floor seats and will be the only FFA chapters to receive back stage passes to meet the band! These chapters must also purchase their general admission tickets.

The top 20 FFA chapters that contribute the most funds to their FFA Foundation Chapter Trust this school year will receive reserved floor seating! These chapters must also purchase their general admission concert tickets.

Donations to the Chapter Trust must be received in the state office by April 1. For more concert or chapter trust information contact Kendall Brashears at 405-222-1078 or email him at brashearskp@sbcglobal.net.



A really great read!

"FFA chapters remember the triumphs of members before them. They take pride in the stock they show and remember the winners. They remember the speeches that were delivered. Men and women say, 'There was a state FFA officer that came to my school and inspired me.' Others remember, 'FFA camp was a turning point in my life. I realized I could become a leader.' This book is a tribute to all who have been a part of that inspiring story."

**Purchase your copy at the State Convention Career Show.
 A special autograph signing opportunity will follow the first General Session!**

Marty Jones

State FFA Secretary



I knew a little kid whose mom told him the key to life was faith. When he started to school, the teacher asked her students to write down what they wanted to be when they grew up. He wrote, "I want to be faithful." The teacher said he didn't understand the assignment. The little boy said that his teacher didn't understand life.

We've all been asked the question, "Who are you?" Most of the time, we simply reply with our name. Most people are content with that answer. However, if I have learned anything in life, it is this: If you are content, then you are not growing. And if you are not growing, well, you might as well be pushing up daisies.

Many of you might be thinking: I know exactly who I am. Do you really? Remember the story of J-Mac and the Power of One. J-Mac was the basketball team manager who was autistic. In the final game of the season, he got his chance to play. He was magnificent. He scored 20 points! He became an inspiration to people from around the world. In reality, he was just another little kid of faith who knew what life is all about.

FFA members, we never know what life may bring. It's crucial we stand strong in who we are and how we might change the world.

"Who am I?" is a question of faith in oneself and in those around us. As for me, I am a son, a brother, an Oklahoma FFA state officer, and I am a Christian. I am someone who has faith in others and who believes that YOU can make a difference in the world. I am someone who wants YOU to live with a SMILE on your FACE and LOVE in your HEART. I am someone who, like the young boy and J-Mac, believes the key to life is being faithful to God, yourself, and others.

FFA members, I challenge you to answer the question... "Who am I?"

Marty's Favs

Agricultural Education career Isaiah 40:31 Bible verse John Wayne actor
Mule animal The Guardian movie Public Speaking CDE
Country & Christian music Green color Riding Four-wheelers pastime